

I am requesting that FCC please look favorably on LightSquared's request for license modification in this proceeding for the following reasons:

At a time of escalating demand for wireless access to the Internet, American consumers need a more competitive and expanded wireless industry. Competition leads to innovation that leads to better service and lower prices. Small businesses and regional providers have been locked out of the wireless market, unable to offer affordable wireless services to their customers. Limited competition has also resulted in vast areas of our country where Americans are unable to take advantage of the benefits of high-speed wireless service due to poor coverage or significant cost.

Other areas are plagued by dropped calls and weak signals. America's wireless infrastructure is congested and getting more congested every day. Smart phones consume 24 times more data on average than a regular cell phone and tablets consume five times as much network capacity as a smart phone. Very soon, we will reach our nation's spectrum limit at just the moment our global competitors continue their economic rise.

LightSquared offers a service that will both expand broadband access and address the spectrum crunch. LightSquared has developed a wireless 4G broadband network integrated with satellite service that will cover the entire nation and help meet the tremendous demand for mobile data while creating jobs, increasing consumer choice, and reducing the cost of mobile data plans. Such solutions can make spectrum available now, avoiding the looming spectrum crunch.